

## STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (amended) A carrier system for transporting equipment, said carrier system comprising:

a vehicle having a cargo bed having a bottom surface and side surfaces; at least one carrier surface;

at least one elongated frame member mounted on said at least one carrier surface in said cargo bed in direct contact with said cargo bed to form a low profile system;

a slot formed in said at least one elongated frame member;

an inverted rim extending along at least one edge of said slot; and

equipment mounting hardware having at least one indent for engaging said inverted rim to attach said equipment mounting hardware mounted to said slot on said at least one elongated frame member.

2. (canceled)

3. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said at least one carrier surface in said cargo bed includes:

a truck bed on said vehicle.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said slot includes:

a C shaped slot.

7. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said slot includes:  
a C shaped slot; and  
a spring nut contained in said C shaped slot for attaching said equipment mounting hardware to said elongated frame member.

8. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:  
sports equipment mounting hardware.

9. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:  
cargo mounting hardware.

10. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:  
at least one hook for attaching cargo securing devices.

11. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:  
at least one loop for attaching cargo securing devices.

12. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:  
hardware for attaching a compartment to said elongated frame member.